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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Please save competition in this field. Large companies have too much power in the US economy. it is too easy for these companies to squeeze the consumer. This feeds inequality and saps democracy.

This process of monopolization is ongoing. A number of economists have warned against it. The small percentage of Americans who benefit from it also use their power to get Congress and local legislators to allow them to continue. it is no surprise that so many of our fellow countrymen feel that this country is going. and has been going for many years, in the wrong direction.

American corporations did not use to fear competition. Their leaders knew that competition gave them the impetus to make a better product or provide a better service to the customer. Now it is all about cutting back, cutting down, and fooling the customer.

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